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In re the Application of

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STORAGE APPARATUS, OPTICAL READING METHOD, OPTICAL READING
APPARATUS, OPTICAL RETRIEVING METHOD AND OPTICAL RETRIEVING
APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 8-50 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter
contained therein.

Please amend claim 7 as follows:

Claim 7, line 1, after "forth" insert --and--.

Please add new claims 51-52 as follows:

--51. The optical storage medium as set forth in claim 1, wherein the optical storage
medium stores information in the form of a hologram.--

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